

Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.R. 1 - legislation introduced by the House Republican majority that would cut over \$60 billion in essential funding to America's communities without making a significant impact on this year's federal deficit.

The number one priority for Congress is to keep America's economic recovery moving forward by creating jobs today and building a foundation for sustained, long-term growth. This will require strategic investments by the federal government in education, infrastructure, research and other areas that promote innovation and enable America to compete in the global economy. Tackling rising federal deficits are also part of the broader economic challenge. Federal deficits must be reduced with "smart cuts" to outdated or unnecessary federal programs including taxpayer-sponsorship of NASCAR, duplicative weapons programs at the Pentagon, and broadcasting to Cuba that never reaches its intended audience. I offered amendments to H.R.1 to make some of these "smart cuts." Unfortunately, my Republican colleagues voted to protect taxpayer subsidies for NASCAR and instead slashed funding to homeless veterans, heating assistance for the poor, neighborhood schools, road and bridge repair, and hundreds of other critical community investments.

Because H.R. 1 undermines vital services and key long-term investments, professional economists believe the bill will put America's fragile economic recovery at risk. The Economic Policy Institute estimates that enactment of H.R. 1 would result in the destruction of 800,000 jobs nationwide. This week, Goldman Sachs economic forecaster Alec Phillips concluded that the Republican's budget plan could slow economic growth by up to 2 percent.

If my Republican colleagues were serious about deficit reduction they would support amendments like mine to reduce wasteful programs wherever they occur in the federal government - including the Pentagon. They would end their political fixation on "earmarks" in annual spending bills that totaled \$16 billion last year and instead focus on special interest earmarks in the tax code that cost the government more than \$1 trillion in revenue every year. And if Republicans in Congress really wanted to reduce federal deficits they would not have voted in December 2010 for a bloated \$858 billion tax cut package that included \$140 billion in tax cuts for the richest 2 percent of Americans - every cent of this package was borrowed and added to federal deficits. I believe it is wrong to ask middle class families to sacrifice the quality of their schools, roads and health clinics so the richest Americans receive a tax cut they do not need.

America's economy recovery and serious federal budget challenges require difficult choices in federal spending and taxation. But difficult choices can be made without threatening economic recovery or undermining the future competitiveness of our nation.

I urge my colleagues to join me in rejecting H.R. 1 and instead, get to work on a budget that will create jobs and lead to renewed economic growth. I was unavailable to vote the following amendments to H.R. 1 because of a longstanding obligation with the Pentagon's National Defense University in the Middle East.

Rep. McCollum (MN) Amendment #50: Prohibits funds from being used for the Department of

Defense to sponsor NASCAR race cars. Had Rep. McCollum been present to vote she would have voted YES on Amendment #50.

Rep. Nadler (NY)/ Rep. Lee (CA)/ Rep. Stark (CA) Amendment #232: Would limit funds for military operations in Afghanistan to \$10 billion. Had Rep. McCollum been present to vote she would have voted NO on Amendment #232.

Rep. Kline (MN) Amendment #214: Prohibits funds from being used to implement regulations on "Program Integrity: Gainful Employment-New Programs" published by the Department of Education. Had Rep. McCollum been present to vote she would have voted NO on Amendment #214.

Rep. Pence (IN) Amendment #11: Prohibits any federal funds from being used by Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc. Planned Parenthood is already prevented by federal law from using federal dollars for abortion services. This amendment takes away the money they use to provide for family planning, birth control, medical and preventive services. Had Rep. McCollum been present to vote she would have voted NO on Amendment #11.

Rep. Young (AK) Amendment #533: Would block the Environmental Appeals Board from reviewing air pollution permits related to drilling in the Arctic Ocean. Had Rep. McCollum been present to vote she would have voted NO on Amendment #533.

Rep. Nadler (NY)/ Rep. Conyers (MI)/ Rep. Paul (TX)/ Rep. Jones (NC) Amendment #524: Prohibits funds to make a FISA application for an order requiring the production of library circulation records, library patron lists, book sales records, or book customer lists. Had Rep. McCollum been present to vote she would have voted YES on Amendment #524.

Rep. Poe (TX) Amendment #466: Prohibits funds from being used by EPA to implement and enforce any requirements or issue permits for stationary source emissions of six pollutants that cause smog and global warming. Had Rep. McCollum been present to vote she would have voted NO on Amendment #466.

Rep. Rehberg (MT) Amendment #575: Prohibits any funds from being paid to any employee, officer, contractor, or grantee of any department or agency funded by the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and related agencies to implement the Affordable Care Act. Had Rep. McCollum been present to vote she would have voted NO on Amendment #575.

Rep. King (IA) Amendment #267: Prohibits any funds from being used to implement any provision of the Affordable Care Act. Had Rep. McCollum been present to vote she would have voted NO on Amendment #267.

Rep. King (IA) Amendment #268: Prohibits any funds from being used to pay the salary of employees of any Federal department or agency with respect to implementing any provision of the Affordable Care Act. Had Rep. McCollum been present to vote she would have voted NO on Amendment #268.

Rep. Emerson (MO) Amendment #83: Prohibits funds from being used for enforcement of the

individual mandate. Had Rep. McCollum been present to vote she would have voted NO on Amendment #83.

Rep. Kind (WI) Amendment #89: Prohibits a \$147 million payment to the Brazil Cotton Institute for Brazilian farmers, part of an Administration-brokered settlement to avoid retaliation by Brazil pursuant to a WTO ruling in Brazil's favor. Had Rep. McCollum been present to vote she would have voted YES on Amendment #89.

Rep. Kind (WI) Amendment #88: Prohibits funds to be used to research, develop, test, evaluate, or procure the Expeditionary Fighting Vehicle or the Surface-Launched Advanced Medium-Range Air-to-Air Missile program. Had Rep. McCollum been present to vote she would have voted YES on Amendment #88.

Rep. Blackburn (TN)/ Rep. Jordan(OH) Amendment #104: Would cut an additional \$22 billion on top of the \$100 billion in cuts in the CR, reducing Legislative Branch appropriations by an additional 11%, and by reducing all other appropriations by 5.5%, exempting Defense, Homeland Security, and Military Construction-Veterans, and funding for Israel. Had Rep. McCollum been present to vote she would have voted NO on Amendment #104.

Rep. Bishop (NY) Amendment #414: Prohibits the use of funds for the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility in Manhattan, Kansas. Had Rep. McCollum been present to vote she would have voted YES on Amendment #414.

Rep. Campbell (CA) Amendment #519: Reduces funds by 3.5% for the Departments of Defense and Homeland Security. Had Rep. McCollum been present to vote she would have voted YES on Amendment #519.

Rep. Broun (GA) Amendment #246: Prohibits funds from being used for beach replenishment projects by the Army Corps of Engineers. Had Rep. McCollum been present to vote she would have voted NO on Amendment #246.

Rep. Broun (GA) Amendment #263: Prohibits the use of funds to pay any dues to the United Nations. Had Rep. McCollum been present to vote she would have voted NO on Amendment #263.

Rep. Wu (OR) Amendment #526: Prohibits the use of funds by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) from spending any money on oversight of all import and export liquefied natural gas (LNG) facilities. Had Rep. McCollum been present to vote she would have voted NO on Amendment #526.

Rep. Markey (MA) Amendment #27: Requires oil companies that hold royalty-free leases allowing them to drill for free on the public's offshore lands to renegotiate those leases so that the public is paid the standard royalty charged for drilling. Had Rep. McCollum been present to vote she would have voted YES on Amendment #27.

Rep. Price (GA) Amendment #409: Prohibits funds from implementing or enforcing the

Affordable Care Act. Had Rep. McCollum been present to vote she would have voted NO on Amendment #409.

Rep. McClintock (CA) Amendment #296: Would prevent the Department of the Interior from completing a science-based process on the Klamath River and deprive the public of information about whether dam removal is in the public interest. Had Rep. McCollum been present to vote she would have voted NO on Amendment #296.

Rep. McDermott (WA) Amendment #99: Prohibits the use of funds to be used to plan for, begin, continue, finish, process, or approve the relocation of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Marine Operations Center-Pacific from Seattle, Washington, to Newport, Oregon. Had Rep. McCollum been present to vote she would have voted NO on amendment #99.

Rep. Herger (CA) Amendment #177: Stops all funding to complete the USDA Forest Service from finishing a 6-year locally oriented planning process for designation of roads, trails and off-road use of National Forests. Had Rep. McCollum been present to vote she would have voted NO on Amendment #177.

Rep. Blumenauer (OR) Amendment #323: Prohibits funds from being used to make farm commodity payments to people or entities in excess of \$250,000. Had Rep. McCollum been present to vote she would have voted YES on Amendment #323.

Rep. Boren (OK) Amendment #566: Prohibits reporting of multiple sales of rifles and shotguns. Had Rep. McCollum been present to vote she would have voted NO on Amendment #566.

Rep. Forbes (VA) Amendment #146: Prohibits the use of funds for the Office of the Secretary of Defense to be used for official representation purposes. Had Rep. McCollum been present to vote she would have voted YES on Amendment #146.

Rep. Kaptur (OH) Amendment #333: Reduces the amount made available in the Payment in Lieu of Taxes program by 75%. Had Rep. McCollum been present to vote she would have voted NO on Amendment #104.

Rep. Polis (CO) Amendment #46: Limits the end strength level of U.S. Armed Forces in Europe to 35,000; limits the end strength level for active duty Army to 565,275; limits the end strength level for active duty Navy to 328,250; limits the end strength level for active duty Air Force to 329,275; and reduces the corresponding military personnel accounts by \$292,451,213. Had Rep. McCollum been present to vote she would have voted NO on Amendment #46.

Rep. Johnson (OH) Amendment #498: Prohibits Interior Department's Office of Surface Mining from implementing regulations that protect streams from mining waste and other pollution. Had Rep. McCollum been present to vote she would have voted NO on Amendment #104.

Rep. Goodlatte (VA) Amendment #467: Prohibits the use of funds to develop, evaluate, or provide oversight to, or backstop total maximum daily loads or watershed implementation plans

for the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. Had Rep. McCollum been present to vote she would have voted NO on Amendment #467.

Rep. Gardner (CO) Amendment #79: Prohibits the use of funds for health insurance exchanges. Had Rep. McCollum been present to vote she would have voted NO on Amendment #79.

Rep. Neugebauer (TX) Amendment #151: Prohibits the use of funds for repair, alteration, or improvement of the Executive Residence at the White House. Had Rep. McCollum been present to vote she would have voted NO on Amendment #151.

Rep. Rooney (FL) Amendment #13: Prohibits the use of funds by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to implement or enforce water quality standards to protect the State of Florida's lakes and waters. Had Rep. McCollum been present to vote she would have voted NO on Amendment #13.

Rep. Stearns (FL) Amendment #8: Prohibits the use of funds for the design, renovation, construction, or rental of any headquarters for the United Nations. Had Rep. McCollum been present to vote she would have voted NO on Amendment #8.

Rep. Flake (AZ) Amendment #377: Prohibits the use of funds for the construction of ethanol blender pumps or ethanol storage facilities. Had Rep. McCollum been present to vote she would have voted YES on Amendment #377.

Rep. Guinta (NH) Amendment #166: Prohibits the use of funds for a government contract that requires a project labor agreement. Had Rep. McCollum been present to vote she would have voted NO Amendment #166.

Rep. Hall (TX) Amendment #495: Would block scientific research efforts at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to understand the domestic and international impacts of climate change. Had Rep. McCollum been present to vote she would have voted NO on Amendment #495.

Rep. Lee(CA)/ Rep. Stark(CA) Amendment #141: Would reduce DoD funding to 2008 levels excluding funding for military personnel and the defense health program. Had Rep. McCollum been present to vote she would have voted NO on Amendment #141.

Rep. Griffith (VA) Amendment #109: Would seek to stop federal agencies from regulating mountain top removal mining. Had Rep. McCollum been present to vote she would have voted NO on Amendment #109.

Rep. Jones (NC) Amendment #548: Would prohibit the development of approval of fisheries catch shares programs under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, which are an important tool for rebuilding fish stocks, and aiding recovery and sustainability of ocean fisheries. Had Rep. McCollum been present to vote she would have voted NO on Amendment #548.

Rep. Luetkemeyer (MO) Amendment #47: Would bar funding for the study of the Missouri River Projects authorized by the Water Resources Development Act of 2009. Had Rep. McCollum been present to vote she would have voted NO on Amendment #47.

Rep. Luetkemeyer (MO) Amendment #149: Would block U.S. contributions to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, limiting domestic and international scientific research efforts to understand the impacts of climate change. Had Rep. McCollum been present to vote she would have voted NO on Amendment #149.

Rep. Issa (CA) Amendment #569: Prohibits federal agencies from awarding pay raises to employees who move to a higher pay grade and assume greater responsibilities. Had Rep. McCollum been present to vote she would have voted NO on Amendment #569.

Rep. Sullivan (OK) Amendment #94: NO funds for implementation of decision by EPA administrator to increase ethanol content in gas to 15 percent. Had Rep. McCollum been present to vote she would have voted NO Amendment #94.

Rep. McKinley (WV) Amendment #216: Would bar EPA from exercising or implementing Sec 404(c) of the Clean Water Act EPA under which the agency regulates the discharge of dredged or fill material into U.S. wetlands and waters. Had Rep. McCollum been present to vote she would have voted NO on Amendment #216.

Rep. McKinley (WV) Amendment #217: Eliminates funding for regulating coal ash as a hazardous waste. Had Rep. McCollum been present to vote she would have voted NO on Amendment #217.

Rep. Pompeo (KS) Amendment #545: Prohibits the use of federal funds for the public, searchable consumer product safety database the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act directs the CPSC to create. Had Rep. McCollum been present to vote she would have voted NO on Amendment #545.

Rep. Burgess (TX) Amendment #200: Prohibits funds from being used to pay the salary of any employee of the Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight in the Department of Health and Human Services. Had Rep. McCollum been present to vote she would have voted NO on Amendment #200.

Rep. Heller (NV) Amendment #482: Prohibits the use of funds for monument designations. Had Rep. McCollum been present to vote she would have voted NO on Amendment #482.

Rep. Noem (SD) Amendment #563: Prohibits the use of funds by EPA to issue air quality standards for soot (coarse particulate matter). Had Rep. McCollum been present to vote she would have voted NO on Amendment #104.

Rep. Pitts (PA) Amendment #430: Prohibits the use of funds to be used to pay the salary of any officer or employee of the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Labor, or the Department of the Treasury who takes any action to specify or define, through

regulations, guidelines, or otherwise, essential benefits under section 1302 of the Affordable Care Act. Had Rep. McCollum been present to vote she would have voted NO on Amendment #430.

Rep. Carney (DE) Amendment #241: Prohibits funds for the oil and gas research and development program at the department of energy. Had Rep. McCollum been present to vote she would have voted YES on Amendment #241.

Rep. Mulvaney (SC) Amendment #164: Cuts all funds in the bill back to 2006 levels, except for the Department of Defense, Homeland Security, and Veterans Affairs. Had Rep. McCollum been present to vote she would have voted NO on Amendment #164.

Rep. King (IA) Amendment #273: Prohibits the use of funds to administer the wage-rate requirements (Davis-Bacon) of subchapter IV of chapter 31 of title 40, United States Code, with respect to any project or program funded by this Act. Had Rep. McCollum been present to vote she would have voted NO on Amendment #273.

Rep. Burgess (TX) Amendment #154: Prohibits the Department of Education from using FY 2011 funds to execute a provision in the Education Jobs Fund which required the Governor of Texas to provide certain assurances of State effort to maintain elementary and secondary education funding. Had Rep. McCollum been present to vote she would have voted NO on Amendment #154.

Democratic Motion to Recommit H.R. 1. Had Rep. McCollum been present to vote she would have YES on the Democratic Motion to Recommit.

Final Passage of H.R. 1 - Fiscal Year Continuing Appropriations Act for FY2011 (Rep. Rogers (KY) - Appropriations). Had Rep. McCollum been present to vote she would have voted NO on H.R.1.